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TO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

USINT BAGHDAD

AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

AMEMBASSY DOHA

AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMEMBASSY SANA

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY VICTORIA

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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO CINCUSNAVEUR, COMIDEASTFOR,  
USCINCEUR, COMNAVFAACENGCOM ALEXANDRIA VA, SECDEF, JCS, CNO  
FROM MANAMA MAY 23:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAMAA 1115

E.O. 11652: GDS

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TAGS: MORG, PFOR, BA

SUBJECT: JOINT STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST FORCE

REF: (A) STATE 109372 (B) MANAMA 1065

1. MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MAY 23 ON VARIETY OF  
SUBJECTS, INCLUDING OTHER ASPECTS MIDEASTFOR (SEPTTEL),

RESULTED IN REVISION OF PROPOSED TEXT OF JOINT STATEMENT, BELOW,  
WHICH  
FONMIN SAID WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOB. FONMIN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD  
USG'S DESIRE TO MAKE STATEMENT ABOUT CONTINUITY OF MIDEASTFOR'S  
MISSION (THIRD SENTENCE OF TEXT PROPOSED STATE REFTEL), BUT  
HE FELT IT DID NOT BELONG IN A JOINT STATEMENT SINCE, AFTER  
DE-HOMEPORTING, WHAT USG DID WITH ITS SHIPS NOT BAHRAIN'S  
CONCERN. OTHER CHANGE HE PROPOSED CLEARLY DESIGNED TO FURTHER  
SOFTEN REFERENCE TO DEPT. OF DEFENSE PRESENCE IN BAHRAIN. I  
SAID I WOULD REPORT HIS SUGGESTED CHANGES TO DEPT. I FEEL  
THEY ARE ACCEPTABLE AND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S VIEWS AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. BEGIN REVISED TEXT: OVER RECENT MONTHS, THE GOVERNMENTS  
OF BAHRAIN AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE HELD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT  
THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
NAVY'S MIDDLE EAST FORCE IN THE REGION. AS A RESULT OF THESE  
DISCUSSIONS, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED TO TERMINATE,  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 1977, THE ARRANGEMENTS UNDER WHICH MIDDLE  
EAST FORCE HAS MAINTAINED ITS HOMEPORT IN BAHRAIN. THE TWO  
GOVERNMENTS ANTICIPATE THAT MIDDLE EAST FORCE'S VESSELS WILL  
VISIT BAHRAIN FROM TIME TO TIME, JUST AS THEY WILL CONTINUE  
TO VISIT OTHER FRIENDLY REGIONAL PORTS. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS  
HAVE AGREED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL RETAIN IN BAHRAIN  
THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SCHOOL AND AN OFFICE TO PROVIDE  
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR IT AS WELL AS FOR OCCASIONAL U.S.  
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NAVY VISITS. THESE ARRANGEMENTS REFLECT THE CONTINUING  
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF BAHRAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.  
END TEXT. CLUVERIUS UNQUOTE VANCE

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